

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 16, 20, and 22 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Therefore, claims 1-30 are presented for examination.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the application be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

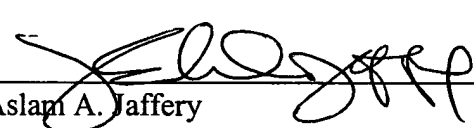
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Respectfully submitted,

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